



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

## **Administrative Policies and Procedures: 20.13**

**Subject: Intake Dental Examination/Priority of Dental Care**

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Local Procedures: No

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### **Application**

To All Youth Development Center Superintendents, Dentists, Health Administrators and Health Care Employees

**Authority:** TCA 37-5-106

### **Policy**

A licensed dentist shall complete an initial dental examination on all youth within seven (7) days after receipt of the youth into the physical custody of the youth development center and every six months thereafter.

### **Procedures**

#### **A. Initial dental examination**

##### **1. Examination**

The dentist must complete an initial dental examination on each youth within seven (7) days of receiving custody of the youth. The health administrator/designee performing the screening must record the results of the examination on form *CS-0120, Dental Record*.

##### **2. Response to examination**

Based on the findings of the dental examination, the dentist must give the youth:

- ◆ Immediate treatment if necessary to treat dental

emergencies, or

- ◆ A specific appointment date, or place the youth on a waiting list according to the priority of need.

### **3. Limitations of intake treatment**

Dental treatment during the period of classification must be limited to dental care requiring immediate attention.

#### **B. Dental hygiene services**

Dental hygiene services must be performed within fourteen (14) days of admission and every six (6) months thereafter.

#### **C. Priority of dental care**

The attending dentist in collaboration with health care personnel must determine the order in which youth will be recalled for the dental treatments identified as necessary by the dental screening.

## **Forms**

CS-0120      Dental Record

## **Collateral Documents**

None

## **Standards**

ACA 3JTS-4C-26

DCS Practice Model Standard- 7-100A

DCS Practice Model Standard- 7-101A

DCS Practice Model Standard- 7-110B

DCS Practice Model Standard- 8-306